

ABSTRACT

[000117] A mobile station embodiment (400) is provided with a reflection detector (401) which may provide supplemental inputs along with keys (402) such that a character encoding, such as, e.g. ASCII, is selected on the basis of the reflection detector (401) alone, or in combination with keys (402) either pushed down or released. A movable target or pendulum (405) may provide an ability to sense the near space along a direction that the reflection detector is sensitive to. Signals may be transmitted from the reflection detector (401) and pass across a void or other great distance before being reflected, if at all. If such signals are reflected toward the reflection detector (401), and the signals have not been overly attenuated, the reflection detector (401) may provide a 'reflect' signal to any on-board processor of the mobile station (400). The pendulum (405) may be influenced by wind, gravity or acceleration (405) to operate as a reflector to cooperate with the reflection detector (401) and generate a 'reflect' signal.